

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was not the punishment of dismissal given to that gentleman?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Who are the members of the clerical staff who have been charged with misappropriation?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Head clerk one Prabhu—I don't know his initials—and the other is one Ramakrishna Ayyar.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Who is in charge of the money?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That is the point to be ascertained.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—What is the amount so far ascertained as being misappropriated?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is somewhere below Rs. 600.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Are both the clerks responsible so far as this misappropriation is concerned?

President.—I don't think you are quite justified in putting such a question.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Have they been suspended?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Both of them are suspended.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—How long will it take to close the enquiry?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I can't say. It is a complicated method. They are trying to bring in fresh evidence. It is difficult to give an exact date.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—When does the Government expect to stop that process?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—We cannot stop that process of self-defence.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Should we not have some sort of time-limit?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The contention in the second petition is that some statement was left out in the first petition.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Did the Director personally enquire into the matter?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I did personally enquire and a report was submitted. Further points were raised which were enquired into by the Principal. All those papers have been placed before the Government and now a lot of fresh evidence is coming.

Improvements to a tank in Edakolathur Village.

229. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether representations were not made by the inhabitants of Edakolathoor and Kaiparamba villages for deepening

and improving the silted tank in poramboke Survey No. 742 of the Edakolathoor village;

(b) were not the memorialists assured by the Government that the work would be taken up in 1109;

(c) was the work actually undertaken in 1109;

(d) is it at least included in the work for 1110?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) Yes.

(b) No. The petitioners were only told that the work will be taken up in 1109 if funds permit.

(c) No.

(d) No.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കമാരനെയ്യത്തുണ്.—ഈ ചോദ്യത്തിൽ പറയുന്ന കളം അവിടെയുള്ള കൃഷിയ്ക്കു വളരെ ഉപയോഗമുള്ളതല്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. റാഫേൽ.—കൃഷിയ്ക്കും ഉപകാരമുള്ളതാണ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കമാരനെയ്യത്തുണ്.—കുന്നുകാലികൾക്കും ആവാസവശ്യമുള്ളതാണോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. റാഫേൽ.—കുന്നുകാലികൾക്കും ആവാസവശ്യമുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കമാരനെയ്യത്തുണ്.—എന്തു ചിലവുവരും?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. റാഫേൽ.—രൂ. 600 രൂപ.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കമാരനെയ്യത്തുണ്.—ഉദ്ദേശം എത്ര ചെറിയുള്ള ഭൂമി അതിനുള്ളിൽ ഉണ്ട്?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. റാഫേൽ.—നൂറു ഏക്കർ ഭൂമി.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കമാരനെയ്യത്തുണ്.—ആ വിലേജിൽ ഇതുകൂടാതെ കുന്നുകാലികൾക്ക് ഉപയോഗിയ്ക്കത്തക്ക കളമുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. റാഫേൽ.—ആ കളംതന്നെ ഉപയോഗിയ്ക്കാം. പക്ഷെ കുറച്ചുകൂടി നന്നാക്കണമെന്നുള്ളതു.

President.—I would like to point out that under rule 24 the business of the Council has to be transacted in English; but any man who is unable to talk in English may speak in Malayalam. I notice that the Hon'ble Member sometimes puts his questions in English and sometimes in Malayalam. It is not in accordance with the rule.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Probably some of the Panchayat Members will be present in the gallery and they can better understand it, if it is put in Malayalam.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I put these questions in Malayalam because all our correspondence in the Panchayat is in Malayalam.

In view of the importance of this tank will the Government be pleased to take up the work at the earliest opportunity?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The Government cannot hold out any such promise about this tank.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Since the Government have said that by spending Rs. 3,500 they can irrigate 100 acres of land and they can realise Rs. 700 as water cess why can't the Government spend that amount?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The Government have not been able to satisfy the requirements of tanks with less cost than Rs. 3,500.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Considering the fact that 100 acres of land will be benefitted and a large number of cattle also stand to be benefitted by the improvement of this tank and in view of the answer given to the petitioners that the work will be taken up in 1909 if funds permit will it be considered by the Government at the earliest opportunity?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Regarding the question of irrigating 100 acres of land there is the other rule that those who are benefitted by it must bear half the cost of it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Don't we collect land tax?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes. All the same for irrigation works our rule is that the beneficiaries must bear half the cost of it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—If these lands are cultivated with second crop the second crop assessment will also be levied. Is it not so?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The question of second crop does not arise at all. When it is a question of irrigation of lands the parties should bear half of the cost.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know at what distance of time we can expect Government to find funds for this small business?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is not a small business. The Government cannot hold out any definite promise.

Construction of a road from Alur bridge to meet the Kaiparamba Panchayat road.

230. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether representations were not made to the Government to construct a road in continuation of the recently constructed Alur bridge to reach Kaiparamba Panchayat road in the Trichur Taluk;

(b) has the Road Board been consulted by the Government in the matter;

(c) has not the Chief Engineer received a petition from the inhabitants of Edakolathur and Kaiparamba villages stressing the necessity for the above connection?